**Import of Kerosene Oil**

151. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of kerosene oil produced and imported in the country during the last three years and likely to be produced and imported during the current year;

(b) the steps being taken to produce more kerosene oil in the country; and

(c) the total allocation made to States and Union Territories during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The quantity of kerosene oil produced and imported by public sector oil industry during the last three years is as under :

(Figures in TMT)

| Year | Production | Imports |
|---|---|---|
| 1993-94 | 5266 | 3946 |
| 1994-95 | 5261 | 4240 |
| 1995-96 | 5253 | 5001 |

In addition to above the kerosene import by Parallel Marketeers during the last three years is as under :

(Figures in TMT)

| | |
|---|---|
| 1993-94 | 103 |
| 1994-95 | 603 |
| 1995-96 | 615 |

The import of kerosene oil for the year 1996-97 would depend upon the total consumption and indigenous production of kerosene in the current year.

(b) With a view to increase the refining capacity in the country, Government have permitted the expansion of various existing refineries and setting up of new refineries, in the Joint Sector and Private Sector.

(c) Total allocation made to the States and Union Territories during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 was 8611 TMTs, 8838 TMTs and 9160 TMTs respectively.

*[Translation]*

**Guidelines for MPLADS**

152. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether undertaking of developmental works in various urban areas of the country by the elected Lok Sabha Members as well as Rajya Sabha Members out of the MPs Local Areas Development Fund has been banned by the Government under the guiding principles of the scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether works undertaken in urban areas have been held all over the country as follow-up to the said restrictions;

(d) if not, the areas in which such works have been held alongwith the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that work in Agra city areas has been held on a complaint lodged by the District Magistrate where as works are going on in other urban areas;

(f) if so, whether any action has been taken to remove this discrimination on a complaints made by the Members of Parliament; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The guidelines on MPLADS contain a list of works which can be taken up under the scheme. There is no question of holding up of developmental works which are according to the list.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) to (g). The District Magistrate of Agra did not make any complaint. However, the Chief Development Officer, Agra, sought a clarification as to whether roads may be got constructed in the urban areas under the MPLADS. It was clarified that road works in urban areas are limited to construction of pathways in slum areas of cities/towns. According to the existing guidelines, construction of roads in urban areas is not permitted except in slum areas. The CDO, Agra was advised to take further action accordingly. The guidelines on MPLADS are uniformly applicable through the country. Wherever specific instances of departure from the guidelines are brought to the notice of this Department, suitable instructions are issued to the concerned district administrations/State Government for necessary action.

*[English]*

**Integrated Water Plan**

153. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formed a 10 member commission to draw an integrated water plan;

(b) if so, the objectives thereof; and

(c) the time by which the commission is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Water Resources have recently set up a High Powered Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development Plan. The objectives are to optimise benefits resulting in use of available water for different purposes like drinking, irrigation, power generation, navigation, industrial and other uses.

The terms of reference of the Commission are as follows :

(a) To prepare an integrated water Plan for development of water resources for Drinking, Irrigation, Industrial, Flood Control and Other uses.

(b) To suggest modalities for transfer of surplus water to water-deficit basins by inter-linking of rivers for achieving the above objectives.

(c) To identify important Ongoing Projects as well as New Projects which should be completed on priority basis together with phasing.

(d) Identify a technological and inter-disciplinary plan for the water sector with a view to maximise the benefits.

(e) To suggest physical and financial resource generation strategies for the water sector.

(f) Any other related issue.

(c) The Commission is likely to submit its report by September, 1998.

**United Nations Conference on Housing**

154. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether at a United Nations Conference on Housing held at Islamabad in mid-June 1996, an Indian proposal for raising resources for improving the standards of rural housing was adopted;

(b) if so, the precise Indian proposal and the form in which the same was adopted; and

(c) the steps being contemplated by the Government for improving rural housing in India in light of the said decisions of the United Nations Conference on rural housing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). Several NGOs, who attended the Habitat-II Conference in Istanbul in June, 1996, brought to the notice of the Indian delegation that the draft Habitat did not make much mention regarding policies of rural development although many countries in the developing world are predominantly rural. Based on India's intervention the Habitat Agenda recognised that rural and urban development policies and programmes are inter-dependent and that, in addition to improving the urban habitat, Governments must work to extend adequate infrastructure, public services and employment opportunities to rural areas in order to enhance their attractiveness, develop an integrated network of settlements and minimise rural-to-urban migration, specially focusing on small and medium-sized towns.

(c) The Government has identified rural housing as one of the thrust areas to tackle the problems in a time bound manner.

**World Habitat Day**

155. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether October 18, 1996 was observed as the World Habitat Day this year also;

(b) if so, the specific programmes and schemes launched in observance of the day for rural areas; and

(c) the estimated number of persons without any abode in rural areas as at the beginning of the 8th Five Year Plan and at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir. This year October 7, 1996 was observed as the World Habitat Day.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) According to 1991 census, rural housing shortage in India at the beginning of the Eighth Five Year Plan was 13.72 million houses consisting of 3.41 million households without houses and 10.31 million living in unserviceable houses. The present rural housing shortage is of the order of about 17 million houses consisting of about 6.7 million households without houses and about 10.3 million households living in unserviceable houses.

*[Translation]*

**Reservation Policy**

156. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the postwise break-up of reserved posts for SC and ST lying vacant in various departments and undertakings under this Ministry till date;